

## Types of Sentences

### 1. Simple Sentence

A simple sentence is a sentence that has one subject- verb combination. This means that the subject or verb may be one subject and one verb( S+V).

- Somboon plays tennis every day.
- Anan is working now.
- Prapai went to Samui Island yesterday.

However, the subject in a simple sentence may be compound.

- Somboon and Santi play tennis every day.
- Anan and his colleagues are working now.
- Prapai and Wipa went to Samui Island yesterday.

Moreover, the verb may be compound.

- Somboon plays tennis and swims every month.
- In my opinion, Anan speaks and writes English well.
- I think Prapai should go to Samui Island and eat at my sea food restaurant.

The following sentences are simple sentences:

S+ V	<u>Boondee</u> <u>is</u> a farmer.
S+S+V	<u>Boondee and Nipa</u> are farmers.
S+V+V	Boondee <u>works and plays</u> football every day.
S+S+V+V	<u>Somboon and Boondee</u> <u>can speak and read</u> English.

### 2. Compound Sentence

A compound sentence is made up of two simple sentences connected by a comma and a coordinating conjunction.

Examples:

- We are learning English, but our parents are working.
- My friend was sick, so she could not go to university.
- People should change their smoking habits, or they will develop lung cancer.
- Sam likes football, but he hates basketball.
- Bangkok is in Thailand, but Sydney is in Australia.

### 3. Complex Sentence

A complex sentence includes one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses.

The clauses below are fragments because they are dependent clauses. This means that they cannot stand alone. So they are not sentences.

**Examples of Dependent clauses:**

- After I had an accident
- Before our teacher came in
- If I meet Tom
- Although Jonus is not Thai
- Because guns are weapons
- Who will work with us

- Which was painted by Sam
- Where a lot of tourists visit
- Whose father used to live here
- Which was hung over there
- While I was watching TV last night

The clauses below are independent clauses. That is to say, they can stand alone. Therefore, they are sentences.

**Examples of Independent clauses:**

- I was not healthy as usual.
- We read our books.
- I will invite him to my home town.
- He can speak Thai very well.
- We should ban using guns.
- Anne Burton is martha's sister.
- Susan likes the picture.
- One of the most famous tourist attractions is Samui Island.
- Tom Hanks is a movie star.
- The picture was very expensive.
- My sisters were doing their homework.

A complex sentence is the combination of a dependent clause and an independent clause.

**Examples of Complex Sentences:**

- After I had an accident, I was not healthy as usual.
- Before our teacher came in, we read our books.
- If I meet Tom, I will invite him to my home town.
- Although Jonus is not Thai, he can speak Thai very well.
- Because guns are weapons, we should ban using them.
- Anne Burton, who will work with us, is martha's sister.
- Susan likes the picture which was painted by Sam
- One of the most famous tourist attractions where a lot of tourists like to visit is Samui Island.
- Tom Hanks, whose father used to live there, is a movie star.
- The picture which was hung over there was very expensive.
- While I was watching TV last night, my sisters were doing their homework.